

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to a non-final third Office Action dated October 19, 2006 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application, and further to a telephone interview held with the Examiner and his supervisor on January 16, 2007. A response to the October 19, 2006 Office Action is due on January 19, 2007. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.